GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

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IMPACT OF APPRECIATION OF RUPEE ON EXPORTS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the face of rupee value rising against dollar and other currencies, the exports have significantly come down this year;

(b) if so, the comparative exports, sector-wise and on the whole during the last six months of the current year as compared to exports made during corresponding period of the last three years; and

(c) the steps taken to boost up exports during rest of the year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI S.B. MOOKHERJEE)

(a) No, Sir. As per DGCI&S provisional data exports have registered a growth rate of 8.44% during the April-October, 2003 period as compared to the corresponding period of the previous year. This is over and above an export growth of 19.13% in the base year for the same period.

(b) The comparative total exports for the first six months of the current year as compared to exports made during corresponding period of last three years has been as follows:

	Exports in dollars (Million)
April-Sep. 2003-04	27207.76
April-Sep. 2002-03	24946.03
April-Sep 2001-02	21137.90
April-Sep 2000-01	21385.65

Sector-wise export figures in the current year are available for April-July 2003-04 and comparative figures have been placed in Annexure-I.

(c) Based on the strategies contained in the Medium Term Export Strategy 2002-07, announced in January, 2002, a number of programmes/schemes have been launched through the Union Budget, 2003-04 and Exim Policy, 2003-04.In the Exim Policy, 2003-04, besides, the focus on Service exports, policies have been devised to strengthen Special Economic Zones (SEZs), 100% Export Oriented Units (EOU`s), etc. A new programme called `Focus CIS` has been introduced. Duty Neutralization Schemes for import of inputs used for export production have been strengthened. Export Promotion being a constant endeavor of the Government, export performance is monitored on a regular basis.

Annexure-I

EXPORT OF PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES
(US $ Million)

COMMODITIES	APRIL-JULY 2001-2002	APRIL-JULY 2002-2003	APRIL-JULY 2003-2004

I.PLANTATIONS	220.20	192.81	173.51			
II.AGRI&ALLIED PRDTS	1260.15	1368.27	1411.06			
III. MARINE PRODUCTS	408.39	396.53	390.75			
IV. ORES & MINERALS		381.18		630.66	591.55	
V. LEATHER & MFRS.		670.84		637.76	618.53	
VI. GEMS & JEWELLERY		2019.77		2750.65	2834.80	
VII. SPORTS GOODS		24.04		28.45	28.17	
VIII. CHEMICALS & RELATED PRODUCTS		2063.69		2459.79	2792.59	
IX. ENGINEERING GOODS		1835.46		2256.24	3081.17	
X.ELECTRONIC GOODS		403.88		414.52	470.16	
XI. PROJECT GOODS		2.10		31.77	10.03	
XII. TEXTILES		3229.31		3659.12	3367.65	
XIII. HANDICRAFTS		197.44		244.66	153.42	
XIV. CARPETS		171.90		179.93	169.49	
XV.COTTON RAW incl. waste		2.26		3.46	5.87	
XVI. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS		607.33		821.21	979.38	
XVII. UNCLASSIFIED EXPORTS		278.18		336.92	728.67	
GRAND TOTAL		13776.13		16412.76	17806.82	

PS : data are provisional and subject to change